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Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/10 of 25 October 1990 relating to the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States, 1/

Taking into account the report of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace" 2/ and the related consultations within the United Nations and with regional organizations on this subject,

Recalling that the purposes of the United Nations are, inter alia, to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends,

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Bearing in mind that the Charter of the United Nations provides for the existence of regional arrangements and agencies for dealing with such matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action, and whose activities are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recalling also that the Charter of the Organization of American States reaffirms these purposes and principles, and provides that that organization is a regional agency under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting with satisfaction that the first general meeting held between the representatives of the United Nations system and of the Organization of American States was held at United Nations Headquarters from 15 to 17 May 1991, and was inaugurated by the Secretaries-General of the two organizations,

Welcoming the meeting of the two Secretaries-General during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held in Rio de Janeiro in June 1992,

Bearing in mind the adoption by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, on 23 May 1992, of resolution AG/RES.1199 (XXII-O/92), also on cooperation between the Organization of American States and the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 46/7 of 11 October 1991 on the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti and taking into account the letter of the Secretary-General in which he informed the President of the Security Council of an exchange of correspondence with the President of Haiti and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, and of his decision to accept the offer for the participation of United Nations officials in the mission of the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States to Haiti,

Aware that the effective consolidation of a new international order requires regional action in harmony with that of the United Nations,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States, as well as his efforts to strengthen that cooperation;

2. Welcomes the offer of the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States to the President of the Security Council concerning the readiness of the Organization of American States to cooperate with the United Nations in its efforts to improve collective measures for the prevention and solution of international conflicts;

3. Expresses its satisfaction at the close cooperation between the two organizations in the verification of the electoral process in Nicaragua from August 1989 to February 1990, and recognizes the effectiveness of that cooperation;

4. Recognizes the importance of the participation of the International Support and Verification Commission in the demobilization of the irregular forces of the Nicaraguan resistance and takes note with satisfaction of the fundamental role of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America in the military aspects of the process and of the activities of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the operational area;

5. Welcomes the continued participation of the Organization of American States in the Support Committee and the Policies and Projects Committee of the Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America, 3/ established by General Assembly resolution 42/231 of 12 May 1988 and extended by General Assembly resolution 45/231 of 21 December 1990;

6. Requests both Secretaries-General, or their representatives, to continue their consultations with a view to signing, in 1993, an agreement for cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States;

7. Approves the conclusions and recommendations of the first general meeting between the representatives of the two organizations held in May 1991 4/ and urges the relevant authorities of both organizations to take the necessary steps to implement those recommendations and promote further cooperation;

8. Recommends that a second general meeting between representatives of the United Nations system and of the Organization of American States be held in 1993 to review and appraise progress, and that inter-agency sectoral and focal point meetings be held on areas of priority or mutually agreed issues;

9. Takes note of the participation of senior officials of the United Nations in the mission of the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States to Haiti in August 1992;

10. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts of the Secretary-General in the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States, and expresses the hope that he will continue to strengthen the mechanisms for cooperation between the two organizations;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States".

3/ A/42/949, annex.

4/ A/47/498/Add.1, sect. V.